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April 25, 2012

Terry W. Cunningham
Executive Director
Kingsport Housing and Redevelopment Authority
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P.O. Box 44
Kingsport, TN 37662

Dear Mr. Cunningham:

On behalf of the United Way of Greater Kingsport, I am pleased to submit this firm commitment letter in support of the Kingsport Housing and Redevelopment Authority's Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grant application being submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

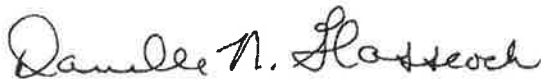
United Way of Greater Kingsport's mission is to improve lives by mobilizing the caring power of our community to address local health and human service needs effectively. Advancing the common good is less about helping one person at a time and more about changing systems to help all of us. We are all connected and interdependent. We all win when a child succeeds in school, when families are financially stable, when people are healthy. United Way's goal is to create long-lasting changes by addressing the underlying causes of these problems.

In light of our long history of collaboration with the Authority, United Way of Greater Kingsport commits to providing \$4,500 of in-kind resources to the planning effort for Robert E. Lee Apartments development and the Midtown Neighborhood for the two-year grant period. This commitment includes participating in the stakeholder planning committee and vision committee, as needed, providing expertise and support of your Capacity Building policy focus. We will also assist in outreach and awareness of the Transformation Plan, and in identifying prospective partners to assist in planning and capacity building activities for residents and partners alike. We would also offer our United Way Conference Room for quarterly meetings. (Refer to attached detailed list of in-kind support).

In addition to in-kind funding, UWGK will also pursue additional financial support for this request through our volunteer-based Vision Council Community Initiatives funding process. While we cannot guarantee the approval of additional funding, we do plan present your request to this committee for further investigation. We may ask for additional information from the Housing Authority in the future as part of this effort.

The Choice Neighborhoods Planning program is intended to forge broad-based partnerships to transform neighborhoods and create viable communities. We are enthusiastic to have this opportunity to be a part of that partnership and strongly support your 2012 Planning Grant application. We are committed to participating in the planning and implementation process and look forward to the same. We applaud your leadership and remain committed to collaborating with the Kingsport Housing and Redevelopment Authority to planning programs and services that promote and encourage health and safety.

Sincerely,



Danelle N. Glasscock
Executive Director
United Way of Greater Kingsport



Ted Fields
Board President
United Way of Greater Kingsport

Attachment
4/24/12

Attachment to Letter of Support

IN-KIND DONATION FOR 2012 CHOICE NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING GRANT

Staff salary estimate for Planning Committee Participation. (2.5 hours monthly x 24 months x \$29 per hour x 2 staff members)	\$ <u>3500</u> .00
Supplies	\$ <u>250</u> .00
Staff Travel	\$ _____ .00
Administrative Salary Estimate (\$total above x 5%)	\$ _____ .00
Administrative supplies (copy service, postage, paper, computer usage, etc)	\$ <u>250</u> _____
Consulting	\$ _____
Meeting Space	\$ <u>500</u> _____
Other material/financial donation (describe)	\$ _____
TOTAL	\$ <u>4500</u> _____ .00